Title: SYSTEMS AND METHODS FOR EXPRESSIVE TEXT-TO-SPEECH

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

Systems and methods are provided for expressive text-to-speech which include identifying text to convert to speech, selecting a speech style sheet from a set of available speech style sheets, the speech style sheet defining desired speech characteristics, marking the text to associate the text with the selected speech style sheet, and converting the text to speech having the desired speech characteristics by applying a low level markup associated with the speech style sheet.